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**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

**FILE: B-190946**

**DATE: January 31, 1978**

**MATTER OF: Universal Building and Maintenance, Inc.**

**DIGEST:**

Protest alleging specification deficiencies filed after bid opening is untimely and not for consideration under General Accounting Office Bid Protest Procedures.

Universal Building and Maintenance, Inc. (Universal) protests alleged specification deficiencies in solicitation No. F33601-77-SE340, issued by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for custodial, janitorial and related services.

Universal alleges that certain provisions of the solicitation's specifications are not written so as to insure proper preparation of bids, make evaluation of bids impossible, and are not in the best interest of the Government or the contractor.

These allegations relate to deficiencies in the solicitation. Section 20.2(b)(1) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 20.2 (b)(1) (1977), provides that a protest based upon an alleged impropriety in any type of solicitation, which is apparent prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, must be filed "prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals." As Universal's letter was received after bid opening, the protest is untimely and not for consideration on the merits. Complete Building Maintenance Co., Inc., B-190996, January 19, 1978, 78-1 CPD \_\_\_\_.

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